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DEFENSE BASE CLOSURE AND REALIGNMENT COMMISSION

2521 South Clark Street, Suite 600
Arlington, VA 22202
Telephone: 703-699-2950

September 20, 2005

The Honorable Jim Nicholson
Office of the Secretary (00)
Department of Veterans Affairs
810 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20420

Dear Secretary Nicholson:

As Chairman of the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission, I deeply appreciate your support in detailing Brian McDaniel to the Commission.

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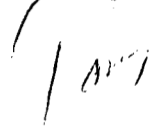
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It is my hope that the professional reward for his service with the Commission is proportionate to the rewards we realized from his contributions to our team.

Sincerely,



Anthony J. Principi
Chairman

Jim,
Principi died a
proud vet. I'm proud
he represented the VA
Tom



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The Honorable Norman Mineta
Office of the Secretary
Department of Transportation
400 7th Street, NW
Washington, DC 20590

Dear Secretary Mineta:

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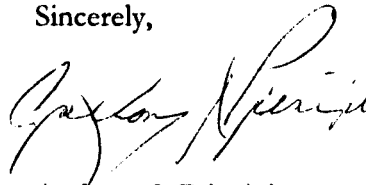
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CC: Marion Blakey, Federal Aviation Administrator
Russ Chew, Chief Operating Officer, FAA Air Traffic Organization



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Laurie King
Supervisor, Region 6
Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

Dear Ms. King:

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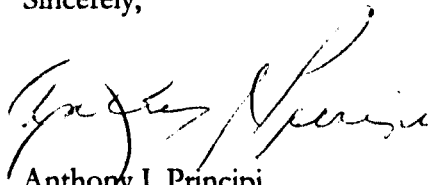
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Carl Edlund
Director
Multi-Media Planning and Permitting Division
Environmental Protection Agency
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

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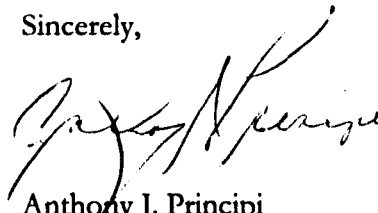
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James Woolford
Director of Federal Facilities
Restoration and Reuse
Environmental Protection Agency
1200 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, MC-5106G
Washington, DC 20460

Dear Mr. Woolford:

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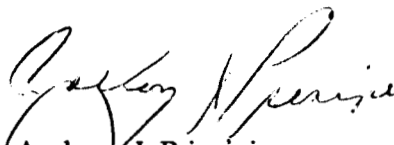
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Richard Greene
Administrator, Region 6
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1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 1200
Dallas, TX 75202

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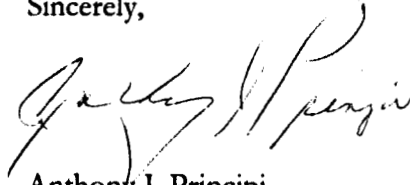
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David M. Walker, Comptroller General
U.S. Government Accountability Office
441 G St. NW
Washington, DC 20548

Dear Comptroller Walker:

As Chairman of the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission, I deeply appreciate your support in detailing several extraordinary individuals to the Commission: Mike Avenick, Tanya Cruz, George Delgado, David Epstein, Lesia Mandzia, and Marilyn Wasleski.

As you know, May 13, 2005 Secretary of Defense Rumsfeld announced a package of 190 separate recommendations encompassing 837 distinct and identifiable actions for closing or realigning military installations. The Congress's charge to the Commission required us to analyze each of these actions, many of which were complex and intertwined with each other, and reach a judgment on their compliance with statutory criteria. In addition to intense time pressure, our analysis and deliberations on these very controversial recommendations were conducted in an environment of unprecedented transparency and scrutiny.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]
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*Thanks for sending
us the protest folks.
They are great people.
[Signature]*



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Ken Slaughter
Director of netCentric Business Operations
Code J09A
SPAWAR Systems Center, Charleston, SC
P.O. Box 190022
N. Charleston, SC 29419-9022

Dear Mr. Slaughter:

As Chairman of the 2005 Base Closure and Realignment (BRAC) Commission, I deeply appreciate your support in detailing Joe Nichols Barrett to the Commission.

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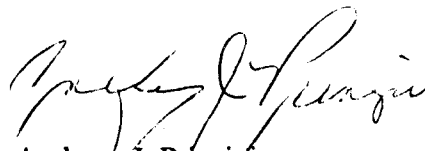
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James Ward
Executive Director
SPAWAR Systems Center, Charleston, SC
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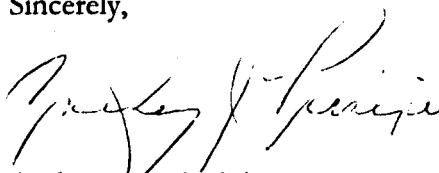
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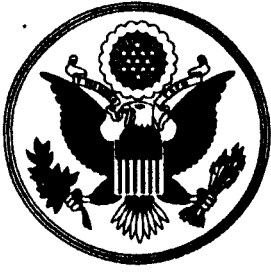
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CAPT Red Hoover
Commanding Officer
SPAWAR Systems Center, Charleston, SC
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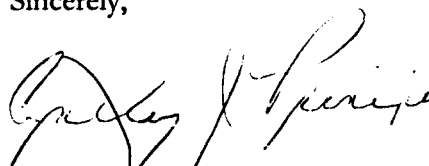
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RADM Kenneth Slaght
Commanding Officer
Space and Naval Warfare Systems Command
4301 Pacific Highway
San Diego, CA 92110-3127

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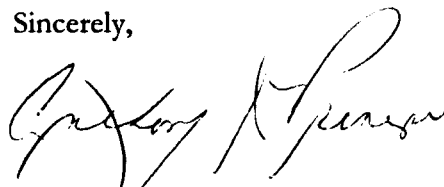
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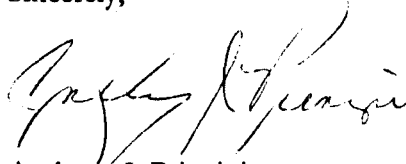
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